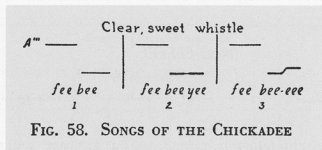




5. **BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE** (*Parus atricapillus*)



WHAT IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED the song of this bird is a call of two sweet, clear, whistled notes, the second about a tone lower in pitch than the first. The second note is frequently slightly broken in the middle by a slight lowering in intensity, as though the bird sang "feebee-ee."

(Diagrams and text, ARETAS A. SAUNDERS, *A Guide to Bird Songs*)

Song, a clear whistle, *fee-bee-ee* or *fee-bee*, first note higher. (*Peterson Guide*)

Cheeseburger
(*Bird Song Ear Training Guide CD*)

The Chickadee is an all-the-year-around bird, attractive in appearance, lively in movement, and more than pleasing in the simplicity of his song.

The song of the bird... is often mistakenly attributed to the Phoebe; but poor tuneless Phoebe is intellectually incapable of such a perfectly musical bit as this.

Indeed, few small birds whistle their songs as clearly, and separate the notes by such lucid intervals.

I may be overestimating the value of a melody so meager as that of the Chickadee, but if so it becomes difficult to account for the charm that underlies the music of all great composers, for constructively considered their melodies are mere elaborations of absolutely simple themes.

(SCHUYLER F. MATHEWS, *Field Book of Wild Birds and Their Music*)